

6/4 to 6/24/2011 – FEDERAL COURT ACTIVITY **United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana**

Hammond, Indiana - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Whitney James, 26, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 21 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Keystone Hatcheries, a division of Robinson Wholesale Inc., located in Illinois, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to restitution to the Department of Natural Resources of \$35,000 after pleading guilty to an Information charging the corporation with the sale of, or intent to sell, live fish despite being explicitly prohibited by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources from importing any fish into Lake County, Indiana without a valid permit. Defendant's permit to do so was revoked following an outbreak of Whirling Disease at Defendant's Illinois facility approximately a year earlier. Whirling disease is a water-borne microscopic parasite which causes physical deformities disrupting normal feeding and swimming behavior of certain species of fish, ultimately killing them. The restitution amount is to be used toward monitoring Whirling Disease in the State of Indiana waters. The defendant was also ordered to pay a fine of \$40,000. The Government requested that the fine be directed to the Lacey Act Reward fund, which is used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reward those who provide information about wildlife crimes and to pay the costs incurred in caring for fish, wildlife, or plants that are being held as evidence in ongoing investigations. This case was the result of a joint investigation by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with critical assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Jermaine Alexander Gentle, 27, of St. Petersburg, Florida, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 120 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Blades et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Michael Bennett, 27, of Evanston, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 262 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release if not deported after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Gentle et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Dennis Richards, 26, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 168 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Gentle et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Lamont Williams, 28, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 262 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with interstate kidnaping in the case *US v Gentle et al.* This case was the result of an investigation

by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Oscar DeLeon, 56, of Crestwood, Illinois, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 9/28/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Terry Lee Thomas, 48, of Lafayette, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 9/23/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Tracy Butler, 43, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge Rudy Lozano to 39 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one and three of an Information charging her with wire fraud and aggravated identity theft. Restitution was ordered in the amount of \$154,876.71. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gary Bell.

Antonio Cantu, 36, of Crown Point, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to count one of an indictment charging him with the bank robbery of Chase Bank in Michigan City, Indiana. Sentencing has been set for 9/28/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Michigan City Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Alfredo Oropeza, 45, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to counts two and four of a superseding indictment charging him with making a false oath in a bankruptcy proceeding, and with being an alien in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 9/21/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

George Tedeschi, 52, of Cedar Lake, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 2 years probation and 8 months of home detention after pleading guilty to count thirteen of a superseding indictment charging him with using a communication facility in the commission of a felony, namely possession with the intent to distribute cocaine in the case *US v Lopez et al*. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

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Brandon Christopher Lee, 33, and Kristy Saffa, 24, both of Hobart, Indiana; Krystal Lee, 32, of Clinton, Indiana; Shane Howard, 28, of Rensselaer, Indiana; and Jason Burkhart, 34, of Fulton County, Missouri, were charged by an indictment unsealed on 6/22/11 with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

Lee was also charged with Possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine producing equipment and maintaining a meth lab.

Saffa was also charged with 2 counts of possession of pseudoephedrine, possession of methamphetamine producing equipment, and maintaining a meth lab.

Krystal Lee, Howard and Burkhart were also charged with possession of pseudoephedrine, a listed chemical to manufacture methamphetamine.

These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Porter County Sheriff's Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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Cachun Combs, 33, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine in the case US v Weaver et al. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Ebb Greenwood, 59, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to counts one and two of a superseding indictment charging him with health care billing fraud in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits and services for Human Services Transport Provider.. Human Services Transport Provider Inc. also entered a guilty plea to count one of the same indictment charging health care fraud. Sentencing has been set for 9/15/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Jesse Shackleford, 50, of Lafayette, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 8/24/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Timothy Smith, 44, of Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to two years probation with 6 months of home detention, and restitution of \$20,246.00 after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with theft of government property. This case was the result of an investigation by the U. S. Department of Labor. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jill Koster.

Robert Alvelo, Jr., 29, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 33 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

Andre McQuay, Jr., 23, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 9/13/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Vernon Thomas, 47, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 78 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts two and five of an indictment charging him with assault of federal officials; a US Marshal and a US Probation Officer. This case was the result

of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Philip Benson.

Brittany Becker, 24, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 21 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with making false statements in connection with the purchase of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Mario Esposito, 45, of , pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute, and distribute cocaine in the case US v DeLeon et al. Sentencing has been set for 9/22/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Paris Straughter, 20, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 30 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with bank fraud. Straughter was also ordered to pay \$85,611.74 in restitution. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Stewart.

Alfredo Delgado, 31, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 63 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Enrique Barraza, 33, of Cicero, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 46 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Lester Muhammad, 34, of University Park, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 120 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

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Lawrence Williams, 26, currently incarcerated, and Ralph Oliver, 23, of Chicago, Illinois were charged in a superseding indictment with additional counts of committing a Hobbs Act robbery, and conspiracy to commit a Hobbs Act robbery. Williams and Oliver were previously charged with theft of firearms from a federally licensed dealer, and use of a firearm during a federal crime of violence. Oliver was also previously charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Chopper Loughran, 29, of Lake Station, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with two counts of making false statements in connection with Federal Workers' Compensation Benefits. Loughran was employed as a United States Postal Service Letter Carrier at the Glen Park, Indiana Station starting on February 2, 2008. On July 18, 2008, she claimed a work-related injury to her right foot. Soon after her injury, the Defendant began submitting

Travel Forms in connection with travel that she claimed was medically necessary. Count one of the indictment alleges that Loughran submitted mileage reimbursement claims for medical appointments on dates when she did not actually visit the medical offices; submitted inflated mileage reimbursement claims for medical appointments; and submitted childcare reimbursement claims related to medical appointments on dates that she did not visit those offices. Count two of the indictment alleges that Loughran asserted that she was not self employed or involved in any business enterprise during the timeframes at issue, when, in fact, she operated an eBay business. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Service-Office of the Inspector General, and the US Department of Labor-Office of the Inspector General. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Cecil Newell, Jr., 28, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dean Lanter.

George Alfaro, 44, of East Chicago, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Gary Police Department. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Robert Louis Henson, 65, of Flora, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with four counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Henson was previously convicted of murder in 1976. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Tracey E. Davis, 38, of Michigan City, Indiana, and currently incarcerated, was charged in an indictment with 5 counts of aggravated identity theft, and one count of theft of over 400 pieces of mail addressed to over 100 individuals and businesses located in the counties of Porter, LaPorte, Elkhart, Marshall, and Kosciusko, that had been stolen from multiple mail receptacles which were authorized depositories for mail. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

Antoine L. Adams, 25, of Gary, Indiana, was charged in an indictment with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine, and one count of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force, and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Sahid Salinas, 33, of Chicago, Illinois, was charged in an indictment with being an illegal alien previously deported from the United States. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Chang-Adiga.

Reginald Sanders, 44, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to 3 years of probation after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with making false statements in the purchase of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.

Jamie Buford, 42, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 154 months imprisonment with 70 months to be served concurrently with the defendant's previous case, 84 months consecutively to that same previous case, and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count two of a superseding indictment charging him with interference with commerce by threat of violence. This case was the

result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Orest Szewciw and Thomas Ratcliffe.

Darren Higgenbottom, 43, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich to count one of an indictment charging him with passing counterfeit obligations or securities in the case *US v Cokes et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Stewart.

Dwayne Swims, 48, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to counts one through four of a superseding indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm, and distribution of crack cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 9/12/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Hammond Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

Glenn Weaver, 33, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jacqueline Jacobs.

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6/7/2011:

Michael Materna, 56, of Hamlet, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to an Information charging him with knowingly discharging pollutants without a permit in violation of the Clean Water Act.

Materna, doing business as Materna Mint Farms)"Materna Mint"(), has been a mint grower and processor of mint oil in Walkerton, Indiana. Under the direction and control of Michael Materna, Materna Mint harvests mint leaves and distills them to create mint oil. Each 55 gallon drum of mint oil extracted in the mint stilling process is worth more than \$10,000. As part of the still processing, boilers create steam that is injected into mint tubs to extract the mint oil. As part of the mint oil processing by Materna in the summer of 2010, water that was heated to temperatures of 160 - 190 degrees Fahrenheit and amounts of mint oil were repetitively discharged from the Materna facility into a roadside ditch approximately 1/10 of a mile long and then into "Robbins Ditch," which is a permanent stream and water of the United States. Materna discharged the heated water and oil)pollutants(into the waters without an National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)"NPDES"(discharge permit and in violation of applicable temperature limits.

Sentencing has been set for September 1, 2011 at 1:30 PM before Judge Jon DeGuilio.

These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency-Criminal Investigation Division, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Stephen Jewett, 63, of Greentown, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 37 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Aaron Weston, 27, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. Sentencing has been set for 9/22/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Nathaniel Kelly, 42, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 37 months imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with failure to register as a sex offender. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Manuel Pelayo-Llamas, 56, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute cocaine. Sentencing has been set for 9/8/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Nikko James, 21, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 24 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count six of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms in the case *US v Barry Williams et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

John Harris, 46, of Elkhart, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with sexual exploitation of children. Sentencing has been set for 9/26/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Caleb Smith, 25, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 15 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Bruce Dougal, 54, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 78 months imprisonment and 10 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with distribution of child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations, and the Kokomo Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Antonio Cantu, 36, of Crown Point, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to count one of an indictment charging him with the bank robbery of Chase Bank in Michigan City, Indiana. Sentencing has been set for 9/28/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Michigan City Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Rashu Aykil Smith, 34, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to counts one and eight of an indictment charging him with conspiracy to pass counterfeit US currency and bank

fraud. Sentencing has been set for 9/21/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service, and the South Bend Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth Hays.

Stephen Knight, 38, of Michigan City, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. Sentencing has been set for 9/15/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Paul Holiday, 34, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 51 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count four of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 9/19/11. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Dirk Lester, 20, of Elkhart, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 66 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts four, five and seven of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Mishiwaka Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

James Kevin Taylor, 27, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with making false statements in the purchase of a firearm. Sentencing has been set for 9/14/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Taylor Wagers, 64, of Knox, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Keith Butchko, 52, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging with manufacture of marijuana. Sentencing has been set for 9/19/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

La Shaun Briggs, 41, of Michigan City, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count four of an indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Fort Wayne, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Talitha Hutchins, 33, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to two years of probation and eight months of home detention after pleading guilty to count six of an indictment charging her

with maintaining a drug involved premises in the case *US v Andre Hutchins et al.* This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Police Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Internal Revenue Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony Geller and Tina Nommay.

Jamie Lynn Chapman, 37, of New Haven, Indiana, was sentenced by Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to 1 year of probation and 50 hours of community service after pleading guilty to an Information charging him with misuse of a government insignia. This case was the result of an investigation by the Office of the United States Trustee. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deborah Leonard.

Jorge Rosas, 37, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute a controlled substance, namely 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team, the Indiana State Police, the Allen County Police Department, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony Geller and Tina Nommay.

Michael O'Brien, 45, of Howe, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with mailing threatening communications. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lesley Miller Lowery.

Camelia "Camy" Bishop, 51, of Bluffton, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to counts one and two of an indictment charging her with wire fraud and mail fraud. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lovita Morris King.

Adrian Lee, 39, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count one of a superseding indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine in the case *US v Andre Hutchins et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Fort Wayne Safe Streets Task Force, the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Allen County Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

James Hill, 32, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to counts five and six of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance (Ecstasy, Cocaine, Marijuana), and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Fort Wayne Police Department and the Indiana State Police. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lovita Morris King.

Beatriz Bojorquez, 33, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to count seven of a superseding indictment charging her with maintaining a drug-involved premises in the case *US v Rosas et al.* These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Gang and Narcotics Enforcement Team, the Allen County Police Department, and the Indiana State Police. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

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